

ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**RSA Plaza Suite 350
Montgomery, Alabama
February 18, 2021**

VIRTUAL MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by WebEx on Thursday, February 18, 2021.

As of February 18, 2021, the Alabama Board Meeting was able to broadcast the audio of the meeting live.

The following members present by WebEx at 10:00 a.m. were: Cheryl Bailey, BSN, MBA, President; Valorie Dearmon, RN, DNP, NEA-BC, Vice-President; Victoria Hill, MSN, RN; Cynthia Buford, LPN; Louise O'Keefe, PhD, CRNP, CNE; Gabriel Sapalaran, BSN; Pegggy Carpenter, BA, LPN; Cara Floyd, LPN and Executive Officer, Peggy Benson. Gladys Davis Hill, MSN, RN called in. ABN Board Members not present were Janice Seip, CRNA, Secretary; Natalie Baker, DNP, CRNP, FAANP; Cherry Rodgers, LPN and Martha Houston, Consumer.

Staff members attending the meeting were: Honor Ingels, Chief Policy Officer/Chief Communications Officer; Alice Maples Henley, Deputy Attorney General/General Counsel; Brad Jones, IT Programmer Analyst Associate and Tonya Smith, Executive Secretary/Recorder.

B. Declaration of Quorum

A quorum was declared with eight Board Members present by WebEx and one by phone on Thursday, February 18, 2021.

C. Oath of Office (Martha Houston)

Marth Houston, Consumer was not present for the Oath of Office.

D. Statement of Compliance with Open Meetings Act

Prior notice of meeting was posted on the Secretary of State's website in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act and was streamed live

to Facebook.

E. Review of Full Agenda

1. Additions, Modifications, Reordering

None.

On February 18, 2021, Ms. Gladys Davis Hill moved that the Board adopt the Full Agenda. Ms. Floyd seconded. Motion carried with all in favor: Cheryl Bailey, Valorie Dearmon, Victoria Hill, Louise O’Keefe, Gabriel Sapalaran, Gladys Davis Hill, Peggie Carpenter, Cynthia Buford and Cara Floyd.

II. POLICY

A. PROPOSED REVISIONS TO ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTION 610-X-5 ADVANCED PRACTICE COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE

Mr. Ingels reported the rule changes represent the culmination of the Board’s efforts to increase the per-physician FTE allowance for CRNPs and CNMs from 4:1 to 9:1. The changes, which also include various provisions addressing continuing education for APRNs and physicians, as well as documentation and oversight of collaborative practice, have been agreed to by the staffs of the Alabama Board of Nursing (ABN) and the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners (ABME), recommended by the Joint Committee, and approved for publication by Alabama Board of Medical Examiners (ABME).

On February 18, 2021, Ms. Victoria Hill moved that the Board approve, as initial submission, revisions to Alabama Board of Nursing Administrative Code 610-X-5 – Advanced Practice Nursing – Collaborative Practice. Dr. Dearmon seconded. Motion carried with all in favor: Cheryl Bailey, Valorie Dearmon, Victoria Hill, Louise O’Keefe, Gabriel Sapalaran, Gladys Davis Hill, Peggie Carpenter, Cynthia Buford and Cara Floyd.

B. PROPOSED REVISIONS/EMERGENCY RULE – ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTION 610-X-5 ADVANCED PRACTICE COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE, RX NUMBER

Mr. Ingels reported the current Board rules require that each prescription written by a CRNP or CNM must include the nurse’s ABN-issued Rx#. For a variety of reasons, including difficulty adding the number to electronic prescription formats, this requirement has led to issues to pharmacies receiving reimbursement for filling the prescriptions. Board staff proposes eliminating the requirement, to ensure that patients continue to receive the care they need.

On February 18, 2021, Dr. Dearmon moved that the Board approve, as initial submission and emergency rule, revisions to Alabama Board of Nursing Administrative Code 610-X-5 – Advanced Practice Nursing – Collaborative Practice. Ms. Gladys Davis Hill seconded. Motion carried with all in favor: Cheryl Bailey, Valorie Dearmon, Victoria Hill, Louise O’Keefe, Gabriel Sapalaran, Gladys Davis Hill, Peggie Carpenter, Cynthia Buford and Cara Floyd.

III. NEXT MEETING DATE – March 19, 2021, 770 Washington Avenue, RSA Plaza, Montgomery, Alabama, Suite 350

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The ABN Board meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m. on Thursday, February 18, 2021.

Cheryl Bailey, BSN, MBA
President

Janice Seip, CRNA
Secretary

Submitted by: _____
Tonya Smith Recorder 02/21